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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON EXTENSION OF EXPORT
ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1969, AS AMENDED (EAA)

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1. A REVIEW OF THE HEARINGS HAS TURNED UP NOTHING ON
NEUTRALS, PER SE. HOWEVER, OCCASIONALLY DISCUSSIONS OF
WAYS TO STREAM-LINE THE EXPORT LICENSING PROCESS IMPLIED
THAT THE PROCESS SHOULD NOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN
COMMUNIST AND NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, BUT RATHER BETWEEN
COCOM AND NON-COCOM MEMBERS, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE NEUTRALS.

2. IN HIS PREFACE TO THE HEARINGS ON EXPORT LICENSING OF
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM, CHAIRMAN, HOUSE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND COMMERCE,
WROTE: "NON-COCOM COUNTRIES SUCH AS SWITZERLAND AND
SWEDEN HAVE BECOME COMPETITIVE WITH COCOM COUNTRIES IN
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, BUT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO COCOM CONTROL"
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IN THE SAME HEARINGS, A REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE TASK FORCE
ON EXPORT OF U.S. TECHNOLOGY, DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD,
STATED ITS RECOMMENDATION THAT "THE U.S. SHOULD RELEASE TO
NON-COMECON/NON-COCOM COUNTRIES ONLY THE KNOWHOW WE WOULD
BE WILLING TO TRANSFER TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES DIRECTLY.
THIS RULE SHOULD APPLY TO SUCH TECHNOLOGY EMBODIED IN

WEAPON SALES."

3. IN HEARINGS ON EXTENSION OF EAA BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMPUTER AND BUSINESS EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION OPPOSED THE POSSIBLE DIRECTION OF PENDING LEGISLATION BECAUSE "IT WOULD CHANGE THE CRITERIA FOR PLACING A COUNTRY ON THE CONTROLLED LIST, SO THAT FACTORS OTHER THAN COMMUNIST OR NON-COMMUNIST STATUS ARE CONSIDERED--THESE NEW FACTORS WOULD INCLUDE POTENTIAL FRIENDSHIP WITH THE U.S. AND WILLINGNESS TO CONTROL RETRANSFERS OF U.S. EXPORTS."

4. HEARINGS ON EXTENSION OF EAA IN THE SENATE ALSO CITED THE TASK FORCE REPORT (PARA 2 ABOVE). OTHER DISCUSSIONS TOUCHED ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THE EMBASSY, AND SENATOR STEVENSON WAS THE MOST ACTIVE PARTICIPANT. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO PAY SPECIAL CONCERN TO STEVENSON'S DIALOGUES WITH MR. FASICK OF GAO AND WITH MR. GLITMAN OF EB/ITP.

5. A COPY OF THE SENATE HEARINGS IS BEING POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY.

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